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Thirtieth Meeting

Summary record of the 36th meeting

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Temporary Chairperson: Mr. Radcliffe ..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)

Chairperson: Mr. Momen ..... (Bangladesh)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chairperson**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, declared open the Thirtieth Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. He expressed his sadness and that of the United Nations Secretariat at the recent death of Human Rights Committee member Abdelfattah Amor (Tunisia) and said that elections to fill the vacancy that had arisen as a result of his death would be held during an extraordinary Meeting of the States Parties to the Covenant, to be held on 1 May 2012. The regular update on developments regarding the Covenant and the work of the Committee would be given at the Meeting of the States Parties to be held in September 2012.

Election of the Chairperson

2. **Ms. Djan** (Ghana) nominated **Mr. Momen** (Bangladesh) for the office of Chairperson.

3. *Mr. Momen (Bangladesh) was elected Chairperson by acclamation.*

4. *Mr. Momen (Bangladesh) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/76/Rev.1)

5. *The agenda was adopted.*

6. **The Chairperson** drew attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure (CCPR/SP/2/Rev.1). Rule 2 provided that the credentials of representatives and the names of delegation members should be submitted to the Secretary-General not later than one week before a Meeting, and that such credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The content of that rule had been communicated to States parties by the Secretary-General in his note of 15 December 2011, but a number of States parties had not yet submitted credentials.

7. He suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of the States parties in question should be entitled provisionally to participate in the Meeting. He urged those representatives to ensure that their credentials were submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

8. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers

9. **The Chairperson** said that Mr. Korček (Slovakia) and Mr. Waxman (Israel) had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

10. *Mr. Korček (Slovakia) and Mr. Waxman (Israel) were elected Vice-Chairpersons by acclamation.*

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of one member of the Human Rights Committee to replace Helen Keller, who resigned on 30 September 2011 and whose mandate is due to expire on 31 December 2014 (CCPR/SP/77 and Add. 1)

11. The Chairperson drew attention to the list of candidates nominated by States parties to fill the two vacancies on the Human Rights Committee (CCPR/SP/77 and Add.1). Since the Committee could not include more than one national of the same State, the nomination of Gulnar Satbayeva (Kazakhstan) had been withdrawn as another national of that country had also been nominated. Accordingly, there were four candidates for the two vacancies. He also drew attention to the voting procedure and other relevant provisions of articles 30 and 31 of the Covenant.

12. He invited representatives to elect by secret ballot one member of the Human Rights Committee to replace Helen Keller, whose mandate was due to expire on 31 December 2014.

13. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Ms. Romulus (Haiti) and Mr. Ponikvar (Slovenia) acted as Tellers.*

14. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

15.

Number of ballot papers:	133
Number of valid ballots:	128
Number of representatives voting:	128
Required majority:	65
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Al-Nuaimi (Iraq)	15
Ms. Gulsara (Kyrgyzstan)	7
Mr. Kälin (Switzerland)	91
Mr. Sarsembayev (Kazakhstan)	15

16. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Mr. Kälin (Switzerland) was elected a member of the Human Rights Committee for a term ending on 31 December 2014. His name was*

removed from the list of candidates for the remaining vacancy on the Human Rights Committee to be filled at the current Meeting.

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of one member of the Human Rights Committee to replace Mahjoub El-Haiba who resigned on 30 September 2011 and whose mandate is due to expire on 31 December 2012 (CCPR/SP/77 and CCPR/SP/77/Add.1)

17. **The Chairperson** invited representatives to elect by secret ballot a member of the Human Rights Committee to replace Mahjoub El-Haiba, whose mandate was due to expire on 31 December 2012.

18. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Ms. Romulus (Haiti) and Mr. Ponikvar (Slovenia) acted as Tellers.*

19. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

20.

Number of ballot papers:	136
Number of valid ballots:	135
Number of representatives voting:	129
Required majority:	65
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Al-Nuaimi (Iraq)	44
Ms. Gulsara (Kyrgyzstan)	22
Mr. Sarsembayev (Kazakhstan)	63

21. *No candidate having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot.*

22.

Number of ballot papers:	136
Number of valid ballots:	135
Number of representatives voting:	121
Required majority:	66
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Al-Nuaimi (Iraq)	34
Ms. Gulsara (Kyrgyzstan)	14
Mr. Sarsembayev (Kazakhstan)	83

23. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Mr. Sarsembayev (Kazakhstan) was elected a member of the Human Rights Committee for a term ending on 31 December 2012.*

24. **Ms. Aitimova** (Kazakhstan) expressed her delegation's appreciation for the support extended to the candidature of Mr. Sarsembayev.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.